THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) CVC furnised their final report to Ministry of Defence on 31.3.2001. The CVC's report is based on Secret and Top Secret documents of the Ministry of Defence as well as based on the reports of IB & CBI and has been classified as a Secret document. Some procedural lapses/irregularities in post 1989 procurements have been pointed out by CVC and fixing of responsibility suggested in a few cases. Action has already been taken on CVC recommendations related with procurement procedures etc. and CVC has been apprised of the same. In cases, where CVC have suggested fixing of responsibility matter are under active consideration of the Ministry.

(c) No, Sir.

Financial Reward to Soldiers from Orissa

1041. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Orissa has honoured the soldiers of the State for exemplary bravery by providing them further financial incentives;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Defence authorities have contributed to the conolidated amount so distributed by the State to the Defence personnel and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Orissa is providing a sum of Rs. 2 lakhs as exgratia grant and a monthly pension not exceeding Rs. 1275/- to the next of kin of deceased defence personnel died in the action of war and counter insurgency operations. Apart from that, there is also provision for cash rewards to the gallantry and non gallantry award winners of the armed forces. Monetary grant is also given, in lieu of agriculture land to landless non commissioned officers who have won gallantry awards.

(c) Government of India separately grants liberalized Family Pension and *ex-gratia* from Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs to the family of a deceased soldier depending upon the nature of casualty. Besides, monetary allowance is attached to gallantry awards ranging from Rs. 1,500/- per month for Param Vir Chakra to Rs. 250/- per month for Sena/Nao-Sena/ Vayu Sena Medal awardees.

Fidayeen attack at Sunjivan army camp

1042. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether recent Fidayeen attack on the Sunjivan army camp in Jammu killing 12 Jawans and wounding many more reveals a serious lapse of security; and

(b) if so, the details of the incident and the action taken to boost up the security of our military installations based in J&K?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) In the incident of the terrorist attack on Army barrack at Sunjivan Cantonment on 28th June, 2003, two terrorists had killed 13 soldiers and injured 6. During the attack, both the terrorists were also killed. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to investigate into the circumstances leading to the incident. Secuirty lapse, if any, can only be asccertained on completion of the Inquiry. A review of secruity arrangements for all vulnerable areas in various cantonments has been carried out to take necessary measures to thwart such threats from terrorist groups.

Pace of modernisation of Indian Navy

1043. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer of Unstarred Question 4203 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 2003 and state:

(a) the total amount allocated for modernisation of Indian Navy surrendered during last five years;

(b) the reasons for slow progress in some projects;